



Earth Observations Commercial Applications Program Fact Sheet

NASA's Earth Observations Commercial Applications Program (EOCAP) is a proven co-investment partnership between U.S. businesses and NASA. The partnership uses remote sensing and related technologies to create and test market products that will enhance opportunities for companies. The partnerships can last for up to three years, during which time the methods are refined into market-acceptable products and services. The CRSP Office at the John C. Stennis Space Center in South Mississippi manages the EOCAP program.

NASA established EOCAP in 1988 in response to recommendations in the Agency's report "Linking Remote Sensing Needs: A Strategic Vision." Building on experience in working with more than 100 companies, EOCAP has grown into a program that stresses market opportunities based on nearly mature technologies rather than technology research and development. The companies participating in EOCAP now offer a wide variety of products and services to customers in areas such as forestry, agriculture, environmental monitoring and remediation, corridor planning, monitoring for roadway and pipeline rights-of-way, and urban planning and development.

Participation in the EOCAP is open to primarily U.S. businesses, although all categories of organizations such as educational institutions, nonprofit organizations and other government agencies may participate. All partnerships must incorporate a U.S. commercial firm responsible for the commercial implementation of the results. The EOCAP partnerships are managed as a series of portfolios that balance both the technical and business risks. Through competitive selection, the partners are chosen to participate in the EOCAP.

Firms interested in receiving a copy of the Cooperative Agreement Notice or being included in the EOCAP database should send a company profile including contact name and address to Stennis Space Center, CRSP/EOCAP, Stennis Space Center, MS, 39529-6000.

For more information on NASA's Earth Observations Commercial Applications Program, contact the Commercial Remote Sensing Program Office at (601) 688-2042, or access the home page at "<http://crsphome.ssc.nasa.gov/EOCAP/EOCAP2.HTM>" (no quotes).

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